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SUBJ: UNIDO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD TENTH SESSION:
PROPOSED SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS

1. GROUP B HAS SUBMITTED DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR A STATEMENT OF CONCLUSIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN FINAL RECORD OF TENTH SESSION PROCEEDINGS. PURPOSE OF STATEMENT OF CONCLUSIONS IS TO PROVIDE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD GUIDANCE TO UNIDO SECRETARIAT AS UNIDO CARRIED OUT ITS MANDATE FROM SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION AND LIMA DECLARATION TO ESTABLISH SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS.

2. TEXT OF PROPOSED STATEMENT OF CONCLUSIONS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: CONCLUSIONS OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD X ON THE UNIDO SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS

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WITH REFERENCE TO DOCUMENT ID/B/162 "THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRY," THE BOARD EXPRESSES ITS DESIRE THAT A SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN UNIDO WHICH CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND WHICH CAN FACILITATE THE CREATION OF CONDITIONS FOR SELF-DEVELOPMENT IN THOSE COUNTRIES. THE BOARD ALSO EXPRESSES ITS CONFIDENCE THAT THE CAPACITY EXISTS WITHIN UNIDO TO OPERATE SUCH A CONSULTATIONS PROGRAMME.

THE BOARD RECOGNIZES THAT SIGNIFICANT EFFORT HAS GONE INTO THE PREPARATION OF DOCUMENT ID/B/162 AS AN INITIAL RESPONSE TO UNIDO'S MANDATE FOR ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS; THE BOARD ALSO FINDS THAT THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF UNIDO'S ACTION-ORIENTED AND PRAGMATIC CHARACTER AS A UNIQUE EXPERIMENT IN INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION COULD HAVE BEEN MORE CLEARLY REFLECTED.

THE BOARD REQUESTS, THEREFORE, THAT THE SECRETARIAT PROCEED TO UNDERTAKE, ON A TRIAL BASIS, A PRACTICAL PROGRAM OF CONSULTATIONS ALONG THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES.

OBJECTIVES

AMONG THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTATIONS, AS A METHOD OF DEVELOPING AND FOCUSING INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION, SHOULD BE:

1. TO ANALYZE THE PRACTICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPANDING INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
 2. TO IDENTIFY THE CONSTRAINTS AND OBSTACLES THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FACE IN THIS REGARD,
 3. TO INCREASE THE FLOW OF MARKET INFORMATION TO DECISION-MAKERS AT THE INDUSTRIAL POLICY LEVEL AS WELL AS AT THE OPERATING ENTERPRISE LEVEL, AND
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4. TO ENCOURAGE NEW FORMS OF INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION.

THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF ALL THESE EFFORTS SHOULD BE TO FACILITATE THE EXPANSION OF PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TO ENCOURAGE THE MOBILIZATION OF EFFORTS TOWARD SELF DEVELOPMENT IN

THOSE COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO THE RAPID ACHIEVEMENT
OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' INDUSTRIAL OBJECTIVES.

FOCUS OF CONSULTATIONS

THE BOARD ALSO SUGGESTS THAT THE CONSULTATIONS, IN
THE INITIAL PHASE, SHOULD FOCUS ON CAREFULLY SELECTED
PRIORITY INDUSTRIAL SECTORS CONSIDERED BY EXPERT OPINION
TO HAVE HIGH POTENTIAL FOR PRACTICAL RESULTS. THE
INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY THESE CONSULTATIONS, IN ORDER
TO BE USEFUL, SHOULD BE ADAPTED TO THE SPECIFIC SITUATION
OF THESE PRIORITY SECTORS IN INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPING NATIONS.
IN THIS CONNECTION, UNIDO SHOULD ALSO COORDINATE
ITS WORK WITH, AND ELICIT THE COOPERATION OF, THE
REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS WITH A VIEW TO
MAKING PRACTICAL USE OF THEIR SPECIALIZED REGIONAL
INFORMATION IN THE CONSULTATIONS SYSTEM AND WITH
OTHER RELEVANT UN AGENCIES, PARTICULARLY UNCTAD. THE
RESULT OF CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE DISSEMINATED TO
ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES TO FURTHER ASSIST THEM IN THEIR
INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION PROGRAMMES.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

IN LINE WITH THE EXPERIMENTAL NATURE OF THIS
APPROACH, THE BOARD BELIEVES THAT IT IS BEST AT THIS
TIME TO DEFER THE CONSIDERATION OF NEW ADMINISTRATIVE
STRUCTURES. MAXIMUM USE SHOULD BE MADE INSTEAD
OF THE CAPABILITY WHICH ALREADY EXISTS WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF UNIDO IN ORDER TO UNDERTAKE THIS
PROGRAM OF CONSULTATIONS.

CONSULTATION PRATICIPANTS
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IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE PARTICIPANTS IN THESE
CONSULTATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE, AS APPROPRIATE, DECISION-
MAKERS AND EXPERTS FROM GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY, LABOUR,
RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, AND
OTHERS.

FUTURE GUIDANCE

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS, THEREFORE, THAT THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ORGANIZE CONSULTATIONS ON AN
EXPERIMENTAL BASIS ACCORDING TO THE ABOVE
GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS,
SUBMITTING AN INTERIM REPORT TO THE PERMANENT
COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS

TO THE BOARD; AT THE END OF THE TWO YEAR PERIOD,
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHOULD SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT OF
THESE EXPERIENCES, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO
THE BOARD WHICH WILL THEN CONSIDER THE REPORT WITH A
VIEW TO AUTHORIZING A PERMANENT AND CONTINUOUS SYSTEM
OF CONSULTATIONS AND REVIEWING SUITABLE MACHINERY FOR
ADMINISTERING THE SYSTEM. END TEXT.

3. IN MISSION'S VIEW PROPOSAL FOLLOWS BROAD LINES OF
U.S. POSITION PAPER AND SHOULD BE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE
TO US. PROPOSAL HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TODAY TO G-77 AND
WE EXPECT COUNTER-PROPOSAL TO CONTAIN SOME CHANGES. IN
MEANTIME, MISSION WOULD APPRICIATE ANY DEPT COMMENTS
AND SUGGESTIONS ON GROUP B DRAFT IT MAY WISH TO GIVE
USDEL FOR USE AS GUIDANCE DURING FORTHCOMING
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